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Army Special Agents Combat Fraud, Confirm Investigations

FORT BELVOIR, Virginia, January 26, 2007 -- The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), commonly known as CID, today confirmed their Major Procurement Fraud Unit (MPFU) Special Agents participated in an investigation involving a U.S. Army Soldier accused of taking a \$50,000 bribe in exchange for steering a food-service related contract to a Kuwaiti company.

The Soldier, Chief Warrant Officer Peleti "Pete" Peliti Jr., allegedly accepted the bribe while stationed at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The officer is also accused of attempting to smuggle approximately \$40,000 in undeclared cash into the United States, according to court documents.

Although CID officials will not discuss details of the investigation citing ongoing litigation in the matter, they did acknowledge that CID's specially-trained fraud agents are involved in numerous investigations involving contract fraud committed against the U.S. military in the Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait theatre of operations.

According to CID spokesman Chris Grey, the investigations run the gamut from low-level officials submitting false claims for amounts less than \$2,500, to more serious cases involving, conspiracy, bribery, product substitution and bid rigging or double billing involving large dollar amounts or more senior contracting officials. The investigations involve contractors, government employees, local nationals and in some instances U.S. military personnel.

"We are committed to investigating and rooting out these types of crimes to the fullest, wherever the truth may lead us," said the Commanding General of USACIDC and the Provost Marshal General of the Army, BG Rodney Johnson. "This goes against the very fabric of our values as an Army and we will continue to aggressively pursue individuals, in or out of uniform, and companies who commit crime against the Army, the American taxpayer, and the government we serve."

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